

highway for the purposes of mass transit. We are striking those out leaving the bill in its original regard.

SPEAKER: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: I guess that I would like to clarify perhaps an aspect of this bill. It seems to me that Senator Snyder is striking the portion that was the original bill as was introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee, and leaving in an amendment that the committee added. This was a bill that he had introduced. Personally as a member of the committee and somewhat peturbed that the original bill that we have signed is being struck away by this amendment and a different bill that the committee added which I thought was a compromise move. As I recall the discussion in the committee the bill that was developed was a compromise between all parties concerned. It seems to be a bit unfair for the Senator to try and quickly remove the original portion of the bill that the committee signed. I would have to object to his motion a of this part. I have no objection to striking the fare for senior citizens. I think that is an unworkable provision but I think the diversion of highway funds which was the original bill and the thing that a number of members or at least in which I was interested in getting through the Urban Affairs Committee, I would oppose striking that section.

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, Senator Snyder yield to a question? Senator Snyder, your provision here would be to strike the 10¢ fare for the elderly, correct?

SENATOR SNYDER: Yes, because....

SENATOR MAHONEY: No, I had a second part of that. The bill would still remain with allowing the 2 mil levy increase though?

SEATOR MAHONEY: I would be against this, Senator Snyder, I think that if you are going to give the two mil increase you ought to have the 10¢ fare because just this week end Council Bluffs had this fare reduced for their bus riders, and I can see that the two mil levy can also help pay the 10¢ fare. I will unyielding in this.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, may I explain to Senator Mahoney, we have been through this, and there were bills brought in the first of this session dealing with this, the Omaha Transit Authority does this currently, they have been doing it for some time, the city of Council Bluffs is doing it, but lets also tell the whole story, it is the Omaha Transit Authority that is serving Council Bluffs, on a contract basis. All I am saying is that if we are not going to fund it from the state, lets not continue again to tell another subdivision of Government what they have to do if they are not willing to put the money along with our actions. We can stand here and kick this all around again, we have been over this road several times this year, and trying to get the bill through so that we can have some things done to improve our transit authority system to the citizen of 3 counties up there. Also of course for the others across the state. As far as Senator Fowler's objection to the highway fund usage, I'm